



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

## Meeting Agenda

### Town Council

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*Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Peter J. Bartinik, Jr., Heather Sherman Bond, Catherine Kolnaski, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Rita M. Schmidt, John F. Scott, Paulann H. Sheets, and James L. Streeter.*

Tuesday, April 03, 2007

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

### REGULAR MEETING

#### I. ROLL CALL

#### II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

#### III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

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| 2007-0058 | Proclamation Recognizing Animal Control Appreciation Week | Proclamation - TC |
| 2007-0073 | Proclamation Honoring Armand Morin                        | Proclamation - TC |

#### IV. CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

This is the portion of the Council Agenda where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to ten minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to Groton. Town Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the Town Council meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

#### V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

#### VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item VI (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will take place, unless cause is shown prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

##### a. Approval of Minutes

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| 2007-0080 | Approval of Minutes (Town Council) | Resolution - Consent |
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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of March 20, 2007 are hereby accepted and approved.

##### b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

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| 2006-0316 | Mystic River Homes Tax Abatement                          | Referral |
| 2007-0020 | Poquonnock Plains Park - Relay for Life Fundraiser Walk   | Referral |
| 2007-0025 | Land Use Leadership Alliance Sponsorship                  | Referral |
| 2007-0057 | Bank of America Grant - Tercentennial Legacy Playground   | Referral |
| 2007-0067 | Department of Education Youth and Family Services Funding | Referral |

2007-0068	Summer Food Service Program (2007)	Referral
2007-0069	Department of Transportation Elderly and Disabled Transportation Grant	Referral
2007-0071	Tercentennial Legacy Playground Fundraiser - Spring Fling	Referral
2007-0077	Adoption of Mystic River Homes Tax Abatement Ordinance	Ordinance
2007-0078	School Design Committee (Phase II) Membership Modification	Referral
2007-0079	Flanders Road Utilities Extension Committee Membership Modification	Referral

### **c. Special Trust Fund Contributions**

2007-0070	Special Trust Fund Contributions	Resolution - Consent
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#### **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Brandi Romero - \$2.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Anni Lis Burbank - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Yvonne Sinclair - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Lisa Hylton - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Thomas Skrmetti - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Andrew Merckel - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Linda Chamrad - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Lisa Utt - \$2.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Johanna Antonelli - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
 Pfizer United Way Campaign - \$221.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

## **VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)**

- a. Town Councilors**
- b. Representative Town Meeting**
- c. Clerk of the Council**
- d. Town Manager**
- e. Town Attorney**

## **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman O'Beirne**
- b. Economic Development - Chairman Bond**
- c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski**
- d. Environment & Recreation - Chairman Sheets**
- e. Finance - Chairman Schmidt**
- f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman Scott**
- g. Public Safety - Chairman Streeter**
- h. Public Works - Chairman Bartinik**

**i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Watson**

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**2007-0025      Land Use Leadership Alliance Sponsorship      Referral**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LAND USE LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE TRAINING PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, comprehensive planning, land use regulation and the review and approval of land development proposals are among the most important functions of local governments in the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, members of local administrative boards and commissions such as the planning commission, zoning commission, inland wetlands agency, zoning board of appeals, and conservation commissions consider and dispose of many important applications for permits, variances and interpretations of local land use regulations; and

WHEREAS, local legislative bodies are authorized to use their delegated authority under state law to adopt a wide variety of land use regulations, controls and incentives to provide for the balanced and harmonious development of the community; and

WHEREAS, land owners, developers, and leaders of local civic organizations are regularly involved in testifying regarding matters pending before these legislative and administrative bodies; and

WHEREAS, knowledge of the authority of local governments regarding land use control and responsible decision-making regarding these matters is important to the quality of life and future success of the communities; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Land Use Leadership Alliance has established an exemplary program of training and support for local officials, private sector representatives and civic leaders in land use decision-making, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Groton

THAT it supports the continuation and expansion of the Connecticut Land Use Leadership Alliance ("LULA") Training Program,

THAT it offers its official sponsorship of the training sessions conducted under by LULA, and

THAT it encourages other cities, towns and boroughs in Connecticut to offer their support and sponsorship of these land use training programs and to nominate local leaders for participation in these programs.

**Legislative History**

<b>2/7/2007</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	<b>Referred</b>	<b>Town Council Committee of the W</b>
<b>3/27/2007</b>	<b>Town Council Committee of the Whole</b>	<b>Recommended for a Resolution</b>	

**2007-0057      Bank of America Grant - Tercentennial Legacy Playground      Referral**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE TERCENTENNIAL LEGACY PLAYGROUND**

WHEREAS, the Groton Town Council has agreed by resolution to pursue grants and other contributions, in cooperation with the Groton Parks Foundation, that will support the construction of

a Tercentennial Legacy Playground (TLP) that will be accessible to all children, regardless of cognitive or physical limitations, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager is authorized to apply for a grant of \$5,000 from the Bank of America.

**Legislative History**

3/6/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
3/27/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

**2007-0067**      **Department of Education Youth and Family Services Funding**      **Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FYE 2008 YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES FUNDING

WHEREAS, continued short-term counseling, crisis intervention, group work and programs are needed for Groton youth and families, and

WHEREAS, funding is available from the State of Connecticut Department of Education to supplant a portion of the salaries of Groton Youth and Family Services Counselors who provide intervention and prevention services for at-risk Groton youth, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, is authorized to file an application with the State of Connecticut Department of Education (DOE) for FYE 08 youth services funding in an amount to be determined by the DOE and amend contractual agreements for such funding to ensure continuation of short-term counseling, crisis intervention, support programs and group work with Groton youth and families.

**Legislative History**

3/15/2007	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
3/27/2007	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

**2007-0068**      **Summer Food Service Program (2007)**      **Referral**

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A 2007 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN GROTON

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture provides funding through the Connecticut State Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs, for a Summer Food Service Program for Children, and

WHEREAS, the Summer Food Service Program for Children promotes and provides good nutrition during the summer months when at-risk, low-income children are not receiving the benefits of the Federal School Breakfast/Lunch Programs through their schools, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton's Human Services Department has expressed the desire and demonstrated the ability to provide the required administration of Groton's Summer Food Service Program for Children, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Connecticut State Department of Education for the purpose of establishing and operating a Summer Food Service Program for Children within the Town of Groton during the months of June, July and August 2007 and to sign claims for reimbursement, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the absence or incapacity of the first designated individual (Town

Manager Oefinger), the Town Finance Director, Salvatore M. Pandolfo, is designated to sign claims for reimbursement.

**Legislative History**

3/15/2007 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the W

3/27/2007 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

**2007-0069 Department of Transportation Elderly and Disabled Transportation Grant Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes Mark R. Oefinger, Town Manager, to negotiate and execute all necessary application and agreement/contract documents on behalf of the Town of Groton with the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut for the Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation Expanded Program, and to affix the corporate seal.

**Legislative History**

3/15/2007 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the W

3/27/2007 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

**2007-0071 Tercentennial Legacy Playground Fundraiser - Spring Fling Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN COMMITMENT TO MYSTIC MARRIOTT ON BEHALF OF THE TERCENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Tercentennial Committee is recommending that the Town hold a community ball/banquet on April 21, 2007 as a benefit function for the Tercentennial Legacy Playground, and

WHEREAS, the Committee has selected the Mystic Marriott as the event location, and

WHEREAS, the Mystic Marriott requires a Catering Sales Agreement for the event, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Mark R. Oefinger, Town Manager, is hereby authorized to sign the Catering Sales Agreement for April 21, 2007 in an amount not to exceed \$8,500, and to make such advance deposit payments as may be required.

**Legislative History**

3/22/2007 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the W

3/27/2007 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution

**2007-0077 Adoption of Mystic River Homes Tax Abatement Ordinance Ordinance**

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN ENHANCED TAX ABATEMENT ON FORTY-SIX HOUSING UNITS OWNED BY MYSTIC RIVER HOMES, INC. AND USED SOLELY FOR RENTAL TO LOW OR MODERATE-INCOME PERSONS OR FAMILIES  
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GROTON:

That pursuant to Section 8-215 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Town Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with Mystic River Homes, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut with a principal place of business in the Town of Groton, County of New London, State of Connecticut, for a full abatement of taxes on the land and buildings located in the village of Noank, Town of Groton, Connecticut that comprise the forty-six

units of housing used solely for rental to low or moderate-income persons or families which were constructed in or around 1978 (the "Housing Units"). The Housing Units to which this Ordinance applies have been given an abatement in the amount of 80% pursuant to Town of Groton Ordinance No. 107 and the "Tax Abatement Agreement" between the Town of Groton and Mystic River Homes, Inc. authorized by resolution of the Town Council on June 3, 1974. It is the purpose of this Ordinance to increase the abatement to be applied to said Housing Units from 80% to 100%. This Ordinance shall supersede the provisions of Ordinance No. 107 specifically applicable to said Housing Units. The remaining provisions of Ordinance No. 107 shall remain in full force and effect. The 80% abatement applicable to said Housing Units shall continue until the execution of the agreement authorized by this Ordinance. In no event shall the term of said agreement be longer than the term of the existing agreement. This Ordinance shall become effective 44 days after publication of notice of passage.

Refer to RTM.

**Legislative History**

<b>2007-0078</b>	<b>3/28/2007      Town Council Committee of the Whole      Recommended for a Resolution</b>	<b>Referral</b>
<b>School Design Committee (Phase II) Membership Modification</b>		

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 2006-0293 TO RE-ESTABLISH A SCHOOL DESIGN COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Town Council, in legislative file number 2006-0293, resolved to re-establish a School Design Committee, and

WHEREAS, that resolution provided that (in addition to various other members) one member should be appointed from the Permanent School Building Committee and two members should be appointed from the public, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council now deems it desirable to have two members from the Permanent School Building Committee as well as two public members, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution Number 2006-0293 be amended herewith to provide that two members of the School Design Committee may be appointed by the Mayor from among members of the Permanent School Building Committee, while other allocations to the School Design Committee shall remain as previously authorized.

**Legislative History**

<b>2007-0079</b>	<b>3/27/2007      Town Council Committee of the Whole      Recommended for a Resolution</b>	<b>Referral</b>
<b>Flanders Road Utilities Extension Committee Membership Modification</b>		

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 2006-0301, ESTABLISHING A COMMITTEE TO REPORT ON PROVIDING UTILITIES TO THE FLANDERS ROAD INDUSTRIAL AREA

WHEREAS, the Town Council, in legislative file number 2006-0301, resolved to establish a Committee to Report on Providing Utilities to the Flanders Road Industrial Area, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council now finds it desirable to provide for the appointment of a resident on an at-large basis as well as two residents of the affected area, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution Number 2006-0301 be amended herewith to provide that one resident of the Town, in addition to two residents of the affected area, may be appointed by the Mayor to the Committee to Report on Providing Utilities to the Flanders Road Industrial Area.

Legislative History

3/27/2007

Town Council Committee of  
the WholeRecommended for a  
Resolution**XI. OTHER BUSINESS****XII. ADJOURNMENT**